THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Non-inclusion of development blocks

†1384. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is appropriate that those development blocks which in fact are educationally backward are not covered just on the plea of low gender gap there, even if, the educational level of the girls in such areas is low; and

(b) the justification for non-inclusion of all the educationally backward development blocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The criterion for identification of Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) for the National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) scheme is blocks where the female rural literacy is below the national average and the gender gap in literacy is above the national average. The rationale is to prioritize blocks where gender discrimination is more.

Closure of Jamia Millia Islamia

1385. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleases to state:

(a) whether Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, a Central University was closed down indefinitely on 19th July, 2006 and the hostellers were asked to vacate the hostels within 48 hours;

(b) if so, the reasons for this drastic action;

(c) whether an inquiry has been conducted into the matter by Government;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to reopen the university?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by Jamia Millia Islamia, certain acts of violence took place on the University campus on the 18th July, 2006. With a view to restoring normalcy, the University had to be closed *sine-die* with the advice to the hostellers to vacate the hostels within 48 hours.

The University has appointed Hon'ble (Mr. Justice) S.K. Aggarwal, Retd. Judge, Delhi High Court, to conduct an inquiry into the matter and submit a comprehensive report. Meanwhile, the University re-opened with effect from the 27th July, 2006.

Assistance for promotion of Sanskrit

1386. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance given to the State of Uttar Pradesh, both to Government and the N.G.Os separately for the promotion and development of Sanskrit during the last three years ending 31st March, 2006, year-wise; and

(b) the number of students who were given scholarships out of the assistance, year-wise and other areas in which the Central assistance was utilized during the period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Financial assistance provided to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and various other organisations for promotion of Sanskrit during the last three years ending 31st March, 2006 is as under:—

Year	Amount released(Rs. in lakh)	
	State Govt.	N.G.Os & other Organisations
2003-04	12.76	431.90
2004-05	29.04	455.07
2005-06	8.00	632.10